

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application.

**Claim rejection under 35 USC §102:**

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 8 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Hocker et al. Applicant amended the independent claims 1 and 8 to more clearly define the present invention. According to the present invention, the method and apparatus claimed provides for a more sophisticated handling of for example, automation system installation and setup. To this end, the method provides for a graphical representation and a text representation of a device with a plurality of reception location for different modules. The user can select a module and the system will then indicate the reception location in both, the graphical and the text representation, which allow for a reception of this module. In addition, the system displays a link between the two representations as shown, for example, in Fig. 3 or 4. Thus, the system according to the present invention provides for a more sophisticated and informative setup system.

Hocker does not disclose a method for supporting an automation equipment having a device with a plurality of reception locations. Hocker merely discloses the general idea of providing additional information to user whether a selected icon has a specific relationship with other icons. Hocker does not disclose a device with reception locations for modules but merely a system for indicating the interrelationship of graphical objects.

**Claim rejection under 35 USC §103:**

The Examiner rejected all dependent claims under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hocker in view of Moehler.

The dependent claims include all the limitations of the independent claims and are, thus, patentable at least to the extent of the independent claims.

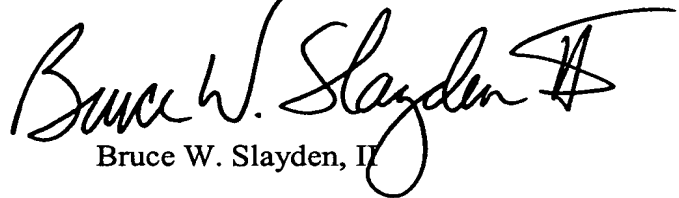
**CONCLUSION**

The application as defined in the pending claims is patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 in view of the cited prior art. Therefore, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*) Order Number 071308.0415.

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